

SENATE RESOLUTION 74
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jim Eagle of Greene County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jim Eagle; and

WHEREAS, Jim Eagle was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, Jim Eagle had served with acumen and alacrity as a County Commissioner for the 1st District, including parts of Greeneville and Tusculum, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, after serving bravely and valiantly in the United States Navy from 1954 to 1958, Mr. Eagle graduated from Tusculum College with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1961; and

WHEREAS, as a retiree from the former Philips Consumer Electronics Company plant, where he worked in inventory control and purchasing, Mr. Eagle regularly served as a substitute teacher; and

WHEREAS, using his exceptional leadership skills to advocate for better treatment of animals, Mr. Eagle served as Chairman of the Greene County Commission's Animal Control Committee and as a member of the Road Committee; for the majority of his time on the Animal Control Commission, he tirelessly fought to enhance the county's efforts at dealing with stray and abandoned animals; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable individual served with distinction as the first and second Vice President of the Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, his numerous contributions to his community included his service on the District Cabinet of Ruritan for a meritorious ten years, of which one year was served ably as District Governor. He was also on the original board of the local YMCA; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mr. Eagle received the Distinguished Service Award for Greene County, was named the Outstanding Jaycee of the Year, and received the prestigious Ruritan National Foundation's Tom Downing Award; and

WHEREAS, Jim Eagle was an active and devout member of the Asbury United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for forty-five years and contributed his talents as a part-time Sunday School Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Jim Eagle was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Jim Eagle enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Johnnie Eagle, and was the proud parent of his son Jason; and

WHEREAS, Jim Eagle leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Jim Eagle, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Jim Eagle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.